

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to retain the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for primary and secondary ozone.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the United States
2 Environmental Protection Agency to retain the current National
3 Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for primary and
4 secondary ozone.

5 *Whereas, There have been few studies published since the*
6 *last ozone standards were promulgated in 2008, demonstrating*
7 *that a change to the NAAQS standards for ozone would have*
8 *significant beneficial results;*

9 *Whereas, Indiana has successfully reduced emissions and*
10 *lowered ozone levels over the last 20 years, so much so that*
11 *only two counties in Indiana remain non-attainment areas;*

12 *Whereas, In 2014, Indiana adopted the federal ozone*
13 *standard of .75ppm, which has not yet been fully implemented;*

14 *Whereas, The states should be given the opportunity to*
15 *implement the current standard before the United States*
16 *Environmental Protection Agency lowers the standard again;*



1 *Whereas, The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed*
2 *ozone levels could push virtually the entire country and all 92*
3 *counties in Indiana to become non-attainment areas;*

4 *Whereas, Indiana counties likely impacted by the proposed*
5 *standards provide manufacturing, natural resources, and*
6 *construction jobs that contribute millions of dollars to*
7 *Indiana's GDP;*

8 *Whereas, Localities designated as non-attainment areas*
9 *face a cascade of harmful impacts for local economies;*

10 *Whereas, As state and local officials seek emission*
11 *reductions from vehicles, fuels, consumers, and commercial*
12 *activity, non-attainment areas could lose jobs and tax revenue*
13 *to neighboring locales that are in attainment;*

14 *Whereas, Small businesses such as gas stations, bakeries,*
15 *printing operations, dry cleaners, auto body shops, and small*
16 *manufacturers will be directly affected;*

17 *Whereas, Federal highway and transit funding could also*
18 *be at risk, since projects must confirm state implementation*
19 *plans;*

20 *Whereas, Economic growth will be halted until existing*
21 *businesses close or reduce operations to offset new growth;*

22 *Whereas, The economic hardship resultant from the*
23 *Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to the American*
24 *worker is real and immediate, and the benefits are unverified*
25 *and uncertain; and*

26 *Whereas, The science does not support a change in these*
27 *standards, and the current standard protects public health with*
28 *an adequate margin of safety: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the retention of
4 current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for primary
5 and secondary ozone.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
7 transmit copies of this Resolution to each member of Indiana's
8 Congressional Delegation, in addition to the Administrator of the
9 United States Environmental Protection Agency.

